

OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

Did you miss my letter last week? I trust you did. I know one thing, I miss some things worse than that—do you catch the idea? Had you not better act on it just now?

BAPTISM.

Last Thursday night we had baptism. A husband and wife entered the water and fulfilled the command of Christ. We appreciate the coming of our brother and sister for we know some of the difficulties in the way. Last Sunday night I preached to a large congregation on "Doing these things," John 13:17, using a chart made by Brother Rensch. He ought to get it out in tract form, and if he will prepare it, it will be published. It makes the matter plain, as plain as it can be made in my judgment. I suggest that Brother Rensch give us some doctrinal talks at the ministerial meeting, illustrated with his drawing.

A BUSY DAY.

Yesterday was Sunday. On Saturday night I delivered a talk illustrated with the lanterns on Chicago, and it was enjoyed by the folks young and old. On Sunday morning I preached, in Sunday-school led a Bible class, in the afternoon I taught a Bible class along special lines, was to lead an out door meeting but was called away, preached at night to a house full—this was not an exceptional Sunday—besides looking after the missions. This is only part of the work. The other part the women look after in the house, and sister Sadie without, who also has charge while I am away.

WOMEN WHO REMEMBER.

Our first Easter was a good one. Sisters Stowell, Pitman and Stiles, and Brother Gumper furnished flowers for the stand. Sister Barth had previously interested herself, and others, and the result was a brand new carpet covered the pulpit platform. Our thanks are due her for the work, and we are rejoicing that these women and others are helping on the cause. Sister Clara stands by the organ, and space forbids the naming of all, but I must say the dining room department as conducted by wife and Mrs. Quackenbush is not only essential but conducted properly.

HOSPITAL WORK.

Our daughter Emma is interested in this work. She and Etta Meling, and I am very glad they are. It is a good work. Think of hundreds of persons day after

day on beds of sickness, and when recovering the time passes slow, shut up in hospital wards. The girls visit the sick, hand them tracts, papers, cards, etc., as they can. Now if you little girls and boys will send in your papers and pamphlets and cards that you may no longer have use for, they will be scattered and make sunshine for many a poor soul. This is a good work and I am glad the girls are interested in it. Help them, who feel to help that way.

THE LANARK CHILDREN.

Sister Emma Lichty sending in some funds to help the mission says: "\$3.50 was made by the little girls piecing and tying comforters and selling them; and \$4.75 by five boys. I gave them ten cents apiece, about six months ago to make what they could. They all did well, and with the exception of one boy worked hard for it. It is not a large sum of money but its yours to use for the mission. Use it where you need it." Now that is appreciated. Just think of the girls and boys sending us over seven dollars to help along. More than many churches have done. Would that they would all help as much. How the work would move on. Sister Emma's plan is a good one. I trust others will follow it.

SOME LETTERS WE GET.

Mrs. McFaden, Dear Friend: I would like if you have any groceries of any kind. I would be glad to have some as my husband is sick and my baby is too young for me to go out to work. We will be so much obliged if you will send us something to eat.

Dear Miss Gibbons: Mama sends to ask you for some meat if you have any left. You told mama if she wanted some more she could have it. It will help her out since papa won't get paid yet, and she will be so thankful. From —

Brother Charley: Could you please send me a \$1.00. I have got no work now and I have got no coal. I do not know what I will do. Yours —

Dear Mrs. Quackenbush: I wish you would send me the name and address of the doctor that you told Mrs. — about, as my brother-in-law is very sick. I would like for him to see the doctor, as I don't understand just what is the trouble with him.

THOSE WHO HELP.

We received eggs from the church at

Brighton, Ind., and from the Sister's Society at Waterloo, Iowa, and can crack an egg without being afraid of disturbing a youthful chicken, and can eat them without putting a clothes-pin on our nose to keep out the smell. We have also received boxes and barrels containing goods and clothing from Ashland, O., Falls City, Nebr., Garrison, Iowa, North Liberty, O., Milledgeville Jrs. Ill., Johnstown, Pa., Young People's Society, Lanark, Ill., Sisters, Eaton, Ind., and Butler, Pa. If any over looked, let us know. Our express man has all the bills of lading, and I cannot see him now, hence the full report of all donations will be made soon as I can find time to make it out. Everything is looked after and placed where it will do the most good. We gave our Junior K. C. Society members each an egg, colored, in place of a card, and how they were enjoyed. All help of this kind is a paying investment.

VISITORS TO THE MISSION.

Brother L. A. Hazlett, from New Troy, Mich., spent Sunday with us recently, and preached for us in the morning. His visit and sermon were appreciated. Brother Barth once preached in New Troy, and it was pleasant to have the two preachers meet and worship with us together. Brother Yoder, from Warsaw, also came to see us and preached for us. At the conclusion of service we had baptism. On Saturday brother S. J. Harrison came to see us, but we failed to get a preach out of him. On Saturday night we had an illustrated talk which had been advertised, but Brother Harrison's visit was appreciated as were the others. We trust he may come again and remain longer. These visits do us good, and we are glad to have them. Brother and Sister Baker from Swanton, O., also spent a few hours with us on their way to Arizona, and during my absence, Miss Sadie Mohler, from Lima, Ind., called. Come again.

LITERATURE APPRECIATED.

The following from a religious paper is to the point. Speaking of tracts the writer says: "These are silent evangelists, like the silent, pure white snowflakes that fall from heaven, these millions of pages of evangelical literature cover the earth with light and beauty. Yet like the 'beautiful snow' many of these are 'trodden under the feet of men,' and unappreciated. But this we may expect; it is not every blossom in our beautiful orchard that yield us fruit, but who despises the flowers for that? Do not say that the distribution of tracts, books and our Sunday-school papers are a failure. How